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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Teresa Suzanne Ponio of Island Lake, who passed away on January 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Teresa Ponio was born in Rockford on April 21, 1958 to Richard and Frances Kerns (nee Hoepfner); on November 16, 1985, she married John W. Ponio in Hampshire and together they raised 3 sons in the Village of Island Lake; she earned an Associate of Science/Horticulture degree with emphasis on Floral Shop Management, and an Associate of Theology degree with an emphasis on Leadership Training; and

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WHEREAS, Teresa Ponio was a stay-at-home mom and home schooled her boys through high school; she was a member of the Municipal Clerks of Illinois and the current Clerk for the Village of Island Lake; and

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WHEREAS, Teresa Ponio was a member of the Lakes Region Watercolor Guild and a past Chair of their newsletter; she served for 3 years as a stateside Christian missionary in Idaho, Virginia, and Oklahoma; and

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WHEREAS, Teresa Ponio was preceded in death by her parents, and her nephews, Shawn Gromer and Joshua Ghyselinck; and

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1           WHEREAS, Teresa Ponio is survived by her husband, John; her  
2           sons, Luke, Matt, and John; her brother, Michael (Kathy) Kerns;  
3           her sisters, Jeanette (David) Larson, Patricia (Richard)  
4           Ghyselinck, and Connie (Dean) Hinnerichs; and her nieces and  
5           nephews, Andrea (Cory) Probasco, Michelle (Jeff) Nevenhoven,  
6           Martin (Samara) Gromer, Eric (Wendy) Larson, Ryan Kerns,  
7           Nichole (Steve) Mathiason, Evan (Bethany) Kerns, Chad (Cindy)  
8           Larson, Adam Gromer, Nicholas Hinnerichs, Lisa (Kevin)  
9           Colbert, and Nathan (Elizabeth) Kerns; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
11           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12           Teresa Suzanne Ponio, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
13           family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
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15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16           presented to the family of Teresa Ponio as an expression of our  
17           deepest sympathy.